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Twenty shillings in wittnes to this my last will & testament conteyned in three small sheets of pap. to ev'y of w'ch I have sette my hand writeing & putte my Seale ioyntly to them all the day and yeare first above written & doe publish declare & deliv'r the same as my deede.

By me JOHN PLEASANTES.

In the pr'sence of Will'm Read-Henry Weedes & me John Manning.

Proved in the Consistory Court of Norwich the 21st day of December 1640.

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THE BROOKE FAMILY.

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(The instalments for July and October, 1908, were contributed by Dr. S. V. Brooke, Sutherland, Va.)

HUMPHREY BROOKE, OF FREDERICK COUNTY.*a*

Humphrey Brook, of Frederick, is said to have been born about 1752. He was the son of Robert Brooke, of King William county, by his first wife, Anne Aylett.*b* He married Sallie Page dau. of Robert Page of Broadneck. His granddaughter, writing under date of 13th May, 1905, says: "My cousin, Mary Braxton Page, asked me if my grandfather deserted the British Navy. I remember my grandfather perfectly; he *told me* he resigned from the British Navy in Colonial times." This settles the question that he was in the British Navy. This writer wrote to the Secretary for Naval Affairs, British Ministry, for proof that Humphrey Brooke was a midshipman in the British Navy in Colonial times but received no answer. But the tradition that he had been a student of Oxford is not well founded. In the large library of the Union Club at Oxford are several large volumes containing the names, ages and dates of matriculation of all the students of Oxford from the year 1500 to 1886. There are pages of Brookes with the final "e"—138 in all. The only one named "Humphrey" is entered as follows: "Humfrey s. of Robert of London, gent, St. John's College, matric 12 May 1637, aged 16—fellow College of Physicians 1674." In the library of Cambridge this writer could find no volumes containing the names of students other than graduates. Humphrey Brooke's name was not among those. If he was at school at all in England it seems probable that he was at some such school as Rugby, Eton, &c. Nor can this writer verify the tradition that Humphrey Brooke was a volunteer aide on Washington's staff,

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a Clarke county was not cut off from Frederick county until 1836.

b See this Magazine, October, 1902, p. 197; Ibid, January, 1907, p. 327.

or that he was captured by the British and treated with harshness.*c* Rev. J. William Jones, the distinguished Secretary of the Confederate Memorial Association, writing under date April 21, 1905, says: "He (Humphrey Brooke) died in Clarke county, at Gaywood, near Millwood, the residence of my wife's father, William T. Helm. I used to hear my wife's sister, Miss Sallie Page Helm, speak a great deal of her grandfather. He was an accomplished scholar, a graduate of Oxford, England, and a great book worm. A story is told of him that, under the then existing law, he was imprisoned at Berryville, then called Battle Town, for debt, and as he denied the justice of the claim against him, he said he would rot in jail before he would pay it. A few days after he went to jail one of the lawyers who represented the creditor in riding out from Battle Town met Mr. Helm's large ox cart with four oxen hitched to it and a cart body filled to the brim with books. He asked the negro driver where he was going. 'Going up to Battle Town, sir.' 'What are you going to do with all of those books?' 'Carry them to ole Marse, sir.' 'Why what does he want with all those books?' 'Well, sir, he say he gwine spend his life in jail, and he cannot live without his books.' The lawyer immediately said, 'Now you turn right around and carry these books back home. If your old master gets his books he will live always in jail at our expense, and I am going to have him turned loose to-morrow!' Accordingly this was done."*d* Humphrey Brooke lived in King William county before moving to Frederick.*e* Humphrey Brooke is said to have died in 1840.

Robert Brooke, of King William county, was brother of Col. George Brooke, of Mantapike, and of Humphrey Brooke, of Fauquier, and of 'Mollie' Brooke, who married Dr. Robert Baylor.*f* These four were the children of Humphrey Brook, Sr., who was brother of Robert Brooke, Jr., Knight of Golden Horse Shoe, and of William Brooke, I, and of Mary who married Leonard Tarrant, Sr.;*g* these last four were children of Robert Brooke, Sr., whose wife was Catherine *nee* Booth. Robert Brooke, Sr., (b. 1652) was probably brother of Richard Brooke *h* (living in Essex in 1699) and probably sons of William Brooke (clerk of

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c This Magazine, January, 1902, p. 316; July, 1902, p. 89.

d The writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, the old imprisonment for debt writ of execution, was not abolished in Virginia until 1850.

e See this Magazine, April, 1904, p. 445.

f See this Magazine, October, 1902, p. 197; Ibid, July, 1903, p. 95; October, 1903, p. 202; Ibid, January, 1904, p. 338; Ibid, July, 1908, p. 103.

g This Magazine July, 1902, p. 88; Ibid, January, 1902, p. 315; Ibid, October, 1904.

h The documents at Brooke Bank, Essex county, prove that Richard Brooke is properly spelled with a final "e" not with a final "s." See this Magazine, January, 1902, p. 316; Ibid, July, 1902, p. 88 (3).

Essex county in 1665) *i* and grandsons of the William Brooke who came to Virginia in 1621, *j* or grandsons of some one of the six or eight Brookes who lived in Virginia before 1650. This Richard Brooke and his wife Rebecca were probably parents or grandparents of John William Brooke, the great-great grandfather of Hon. A. J. Montague. *k*

DESCENDANTS OF HUMPHREY BROOKE, OF CLARKE COUNTY, VA., AND HIS WIFE SARAH WALKER PAGE, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT PAGE, OF BROADNECK, HANOVER COUNTY, VA. *a*

Their children: (I) Mary Page, (II) Elizabeth White, (III) Ann Aylett, (IV) Robert, (V) Sarah, (VI) Walker.

(I) Mary Page Brooke m. William T. Helm, of Clarke county, Va. Issue: (A) William Brook; (B) Sarah Page; (C) Meredith; (D) Ann Braxton; (E) Carter Page; (F) Mary Brooke; (G) Eliza Roberta; (H) Judith Page; (I) Elizabeth Brooke; (J) Virginia Walker. (A) William Brooke Helm m. Mrs. Martha Prince, of Carroll county, Miss. Issue: a. William Brooke, d. y.; b. Martha, m. James Duncan, of New Orleans, La. Issue: 1. Brooke; 2. Arnold; 3. Harrold; 4. Donald. (F) Mary Brooke Helm m. her cousin, Robert Helm, of Virginia. Issue: a. Thomas Carter; b. William; c. Chisolm; d. Lucy; e. Sarah Page; f. Robert; g. Harry. a. Thomas Carter m. Mary Kimbrough. Issue: Thomas Carter. b. William Held m. Miss Otey. Two children, names not known. c. Chisolm m., but wife's name not known. Issue: Two children, names not known. d. Lucy Helm m. Chapman Jones, of Virginia. Issue: 1. Florence Page; 2. Lucy; 3. Brooke; 4. Helm. e. Sarah Page Helm m. Sturges Jones, of Virginia. Issue: 1. Nellie. g. Harry Helm m. Anna Bell Stokes, Bolivar county, Miss. Issue: 1. Mary Blanch; 2. Henrietta Harding; 3. Ida Crome; 4 Charline Scott; 5. Ida, d. y. (H) Judith Page Helm m. Rev. John William Jones, of Virginia. Issue: a. Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., (1901), m. Ann McGowan, of Virginia. Issue: 1. Catherine Page; 2. Carter Brooke. b. Rev. Edloe Pendleton Jones, D. D., pastor of Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., (1901), m. Fannie Royal, of Savannah, Ga. Issue: 1. John Page; 2. Mary Royal; 3. Edloe Pendleton; 4. Horace; 5. Sarah Brooke; 6. Francis Carter; 7. William Stillman. c. Francis William Jones; not

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i This Magazine, April, 1903, p. 443.

j This Magazine, January, 1902 p. 314; Ibid, October, 1907, p. 201.

k This Magazine, October, 1907, p. 200.

a This genealogical table of the descendants of Humphrey Brooke was prepared by Mr. Robert Doane Shaw, Sr., of Carrollton, Miss., grandson of Humphrey Brooke.

married; practicing law, New York (1901). d. Meredith Ashby Jones, D. D., pastor of the Leigh-Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., (1901), m. May Turner, of Richmond, Va. Issue: 1. Cyrus Turner. e. Rev Howard Lee Jones, D. D., pastor of the Baptist Church of Epiphany, cor. 64th street and Madison avenue, New York (1901), m. Mary Brockenbrough, of Lexington, Va. Issue: 1. Louise Brockenbrough; 2. Page Helm; 3. Thomas; 4. Semmes.

(I) Elizabeth Brooke Helm m. Bayliss Prince, of Carroll county, Miss. Issue: a. William Berry; b. Mary Brooke; c. Ann Meredith: d. Martha Terry; e. Elizabeth Bayless; f. William Berry, not married. b. Mary Brooke Prince m. Lucius McShane, of Greenwood, Miss. Issue: 1. Bayliss Prince. c. Ann Meredith Prince m. Guthrie M. Turner, of Kentucky. Issue: 1. Ann Elizabeth; 2. Francis Guthrie. d. Martha Terry Prince m. David Nichols, of Greenwood, Miss. e. Elizabeth Bayliss Prince m. P. A. Malone, of Greenwood, Miss. Issue: 1. Susan Margaret; 2. Bettie Helm. (K) Virginia Walker Helm m. Edward Tevis, native of Germany. No issue.

(II) Elizabeth White Brooke m. Thomas Blakemore, of Virginia. Issue: (A) George Brooke Blakemore m. Miss Cad. Issue: 1. Robert, d. y. (B) Marcus Hanson Blakemore m. Kate Buck (think from Kentucky.) Issue: a. William; b. Susan; c. Frank. (C) Robert Brooke Blakemore, d.; single. (D) Alexander White Blakemore m. Ann Martin (birthplace not known.) Issue: a. Virginia Brooke; b. Anna Martin; c. Thomas Martin. (E) William Blakemore m. Miss McFarland, of New Orleans. Issue; a. Page; b. Bruce; c. Elizabeth Dudley.

(III) Ann Aylett m. Oliver Abbott Shaw, of Massachusetts, at Oakley, Clarke county, Va., Dec. 27th, 1825. Issue: (A) Son, d. y. (B) Humphrey Brooke Shaw, b. at Richmond, Va., Dec., 1827, d. at Philadelphia in 1836. (C) Joanna Maynard Shaw, born at Richmond, Va.; m. Selden Stuart Wright, of Essex county, Va., at Lexington, Miss., October 15th, 1846. Issue: a. Mary Stuart, b. Aug. 17th, 1847, Lexington, Miss., d. Sept. 2, 1878, at San Rafael, Cal. b. Robert Walker, b. at Lexington, Miss., Sept. 27, 1848; d. at Lexington, Miss., July 11th, 1850. a. Mary Stuart Wright m. William B. Hooper at San Francisco, Nov. 31st, 1867. Issue: 1. Mary Stuart Wright m. William B. Hooper at San Francisco, Nov. 30, 1867. Issue: 1. Mary Stuart Hooper, b. at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 15, 1868, m. Cavalier Jouett, Berkeley, Cal., March, 1889. Issue: William Hooper Jouett, b at Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 9, 1889; John Hamilton Jouett, b. at Berkeley, Cal., May 14th, 1892. 2. Catherine Burchell Hooper, b. at San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 26th, 1869, died in California, April, 1888. 3. George Kent Hooper, b. in California, April 22, 1871. 4. Lallie Hooper, b. at San Francisco in 1873, died at San Rafael, Cal., 1877. 5. Selden Hooper, b. at San Francisco Nov. 6, 1874,

d. at San Mateo, Cal. 6. Rosa Hooper, b. July 19, 1876, m. Charles Plottner. Issue: Selden Plottner, b. at Chicago, 1905.

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THE ROBINSON FAMILY OF MIDDLESEX, &c.

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9. BENJAMIN[6] ROBINSON (*Christopher*[5]) born 1689 (*chart*), was bequeathed by his father 1,200 acres, part of Moone's Mount estate, in Essex county, and 900 acres adjoining which had been lately patented. Benjamin Robinson lived during his whole life at this place, which later, by the formation of a new county, was in Caroline. He was sheriff of Essex, 1724 and 1725, and clerk of Caroline 1726–1761 He married Sarah Ring, evidently of the family of the name in York county. He died in 1761.

As the will books and early marriage records of Caroline county have been destroyed, it would have been difficult to trace the descendants of Col. Benjamin Robinson had it not been for the fortunate discovery of a suit in the records of the old Fredericksburg District Chancery Court, which concerned his family and estate. The suit was Lyons, representative of the estate of Speaker John Robinson *vs.* Anthony Thornton adm'r of Capt. Joseph Robinson. It appears that Benjamin Robinson had borrowed money from his nephew the Speaker. There are references made by witnesses in the suit to the intimacy between Benjamin Robinson and Charles Carter of "Cleve" King George county. One of the papers recorded is a mortgage, dated April 18, 1749, with Charles Carter as trustee, in which Benjamin Robinson and Sarah his wife, conveyed for the benefit of Humphrey Bell, of Great Britain, the estate called Moone's Mount, Caroline county, which had been devised by Christopher Robinson to his son, the said Benjamin. There was also filed a letter from Anthony Thornton of "Ormsby," Caroline county dated 1787, in which he states that Captain Joseph Robinson, son of Benjamin, was in his last illness. Thornton, in his answer in the suit, stated that he understood that Benjamin Robinson and Charles Carter married sisters, that they were very intimate and that Joseph Robinson died about 1787.

Edmund Pendleton testified that Col. Benj. Robinson lived at "Moone's Mount" and that he died about 1761. He also stated that Benjamin Robinson's legatees were his wife Sarah, his eldest son and heir Joseph Robinson, daughter Mary, and Sarah and sons Benjamin, Charles and Thomas. Mrs. Robinson died in 1765. Lawrence Battaile, gentleman, married the daughter Sarah Robinson. Another deponent mentions a daughter Hannah, though this may have been an error.

The issue of Benjamin and Sarah (Ring) Robinson were: